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THE GOSPEL IN MIDDLE PROVINCES, INDIA



Gass Memorial Center, Raipur

"Where cross the crowded ways of life."

Historic Dates in the Life of the India Mission

- May 3, 1865—Founding of the New York Missionary Society (German Evangelical Missionary Society in the U. S. A.)
- Oct. 1, 1867—The New York Missionary Society calls its first missionary, Rev. Oscar Lohr, for service in India
- May 1, 1868—Missionary Lohr and family reach Bombay, India
- Nov. 19, 1868—Purchase of 1600 acres of land to found the first mission station in Chhattisgarh, M. P., India. Name, 'Bisrampur' ("City of Rest")
- Dec. 27, 1868—Baptism of first three converts
- 1871; 1880—Expansion of work begins. Raipur temporarily occupied in 1871; permanently since 1880
- May 4, 1874—Dedication of the first church of the India mission in Bisrampur
- May 19, 1884—Transfer of the India Mission from the care of the New York Missionary Society to the Evangelical Synod of North America
- 1886—Opening of Baitalpur station
- 1893—Opening of Parsabhader station
- Feb. 22, 1897—Founding of the Chandkuri Leprosy Home by Rev. K. W. Nottrott
- 1906—Opening of Sakti station. Moved to Chandrapur in 1932. Relocated in Prakashpur
- 1907—Opening of Mahasamund station
- 1911—St. Paul's High School, Raipur, opened by Dr. J. Gass
- 1926—Opening of Khariar station
- Nov. 16, 1925—Organization of the India Mission District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. by the missionaries, ordained pastors, and representatives of the congregations of the India Mission
- 1929—Founding of first medical station at Tilda
- June 26-27, 1934—Merger of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and the Reformed Church in the U. S., makes the India Mission a part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church
- Oct. 22, 1938—The India Mission District becomes the Chhattisgarh and Orissa Church Council of the United Church of Northern India
- 1953—Governing Bodies of the Gass Memorial Center, Secondary Schools and Hospitals elected
- 1954—The Chhattisgarh and Orissa Church Council votes to assume full responsibility for evangelistic work in its area.

WHERE



Important Phases of Missionary Endeavor

WITNESSING

In Sunday services, weekday prayer meetings, village evangelism, and Gass Memorial Center activities.

By preaching the Word, publishing and distributing Christian literature, using audio-visual aids, and supporting radio work.

To what God in Christ has done for man.

TEACHING

In 68 Sunday schools, 22 Primary schools, 4 Middle schools, 3 orphanages, and nursing schools; in meetings for children, young people, men and women; institutes for workers; Christian Home Movement activities, wholesome recreation, retreats and service projects.

What man must do for God and his fellow-men, as well as for himself.

HEALING

The thousands of sick at the hospitals in Tilda, Baitalpur-Chandkuri, Khariar, and Prakashpur, as also at dispensaries in other centers.

IMPROVING

The living conditions of the people through extension work (under the guidance of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute), training in handicraft skills, teaching the handicapped, and by a general undergirding of the life of the people intellectually, morally, and spiritually.

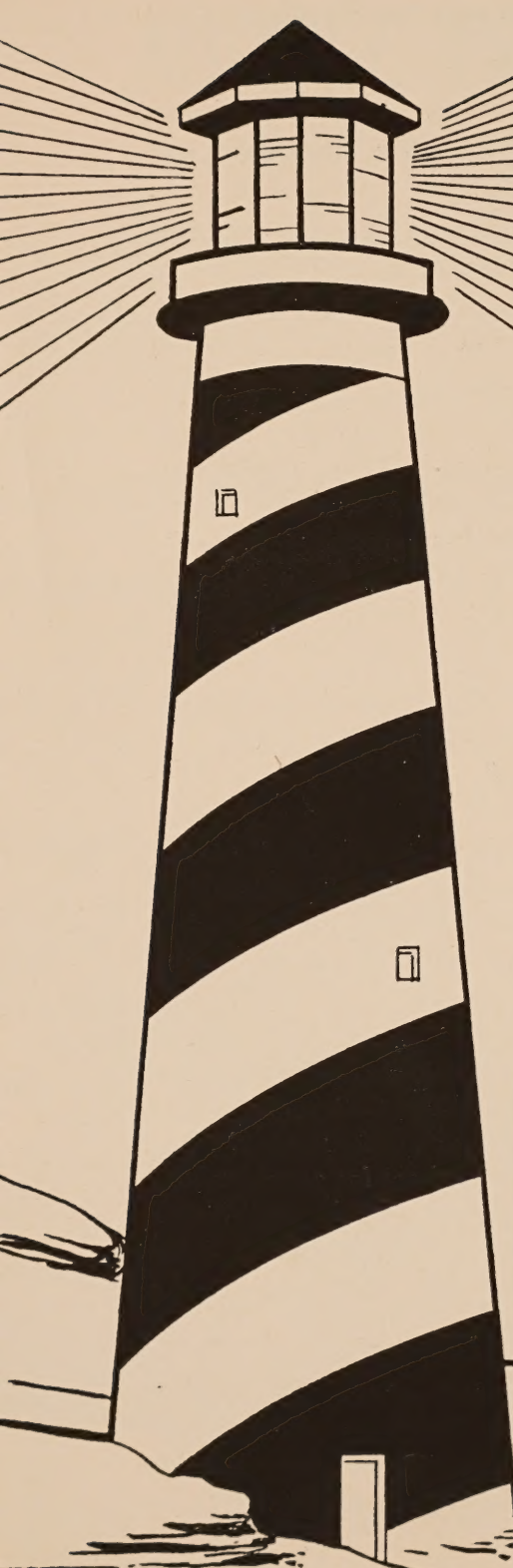
COOPERATING

With the Provincial and National Christian Councils; Hislop College; Allahabad Agricultural Institute; Christian Medical Colleges at Vellore and Ludhiana; union seminaries at Jubbulpore (English), Rutlam (Hindi), Kotapad (Oriya), Janjgir (training school for catechists and Biblewomen); T.B. Sanatorium (Pendra Road); British and Foreign Bible Society; North India Christian Tract and Book Society; India Sunday School Union.

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL CHURCH

With its 16 organized congregations; 68 Sunday schools; 22 ordained pastors; 106 catechists and 17 Biblewomen. There are also 7 Indian doctors, 75 Indian nurses, 40 compounders, 4 technicians, and 86 teachers. The total number of baptized Christians is 10,584 (1953).

WHY



"I am the light of the world"

"Ye are the light of the world"

--Jesus

A lighthouse without a beam is useless;
A church without a missionary program is dead.

What the beam is to the lighthouse,
That missions are to the Church.

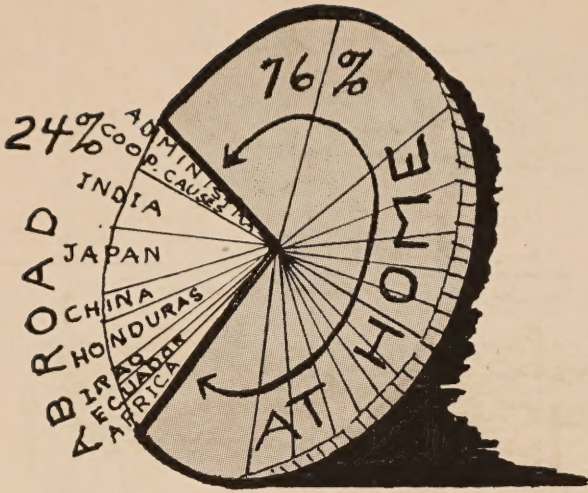
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Apportionment Dollar of the E & R Church

What Can You Do About It?

You can help to raise the apportionment of the Church.

You can go the second mile in designating special gifts for special projects.

You can pray for the missionaries (by name), for the national co-workers, for the village Christians, for the Government of India, and for all in positions of responsibility.

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